

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Volunteers of America, Dakotas is celebrating 85 years of service in the Sioux Falls community, starting as prison ministries in 1920, and in 1923, opening as a child care center to serve families during World War I, and has been recognized as one of the longest running, continuously operating, non-profit child care agencies in the nation; and,

Whereas, Volunteers of America, Dakotas currently has over 40 programs and services, 375 professionally trained full- and part-time employees, and over 600 volunteers that serve over 24,000 children, youth, adults, and families annually throughout the Dakotas; and,

Whereas, Volunteers of America, Dakotas' mission as a non-profit, spiritually based organization is to reach out to empower people of all ages to become healthier, self-sufficient, and productive members of their community; and,

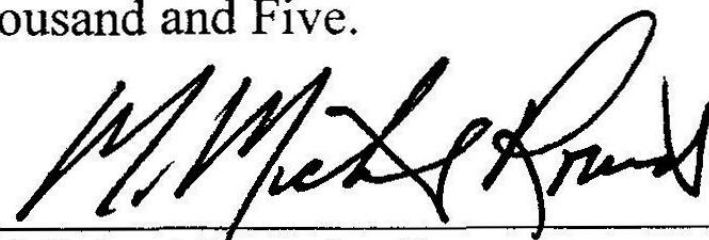
Whereas, Volunteers of America, Dakotas celebrates this momentous occasion during the month of May, beginning with a breakfast on May 5, 2005, to thank all its partners in the community for their loyal support:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2005, as

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

